



Costs for Hosting the 2026 Nutrition Society Congress: Funded through external supporters

The Trustee Board agreed in 2024 to enhance the format of the Society's annual summer conference to more closely align with other international conferences (for example FENS and IUNS) and adopt a Congress format. Part of that decision resulted in the opportunity for external supporter organisations (both non-profit and the private sector) to apply to host symposia in the Congress programme. At the 2026 Congress, being held at Newcastle University July 21-24, the Society's Science Committee have approved applications for symposia from Yakult, FENS, Danone, Oatly, ENLP, PepsiCo, Holland Barrett, Cambridge University Press, European Milk Forum.

The Society charges a fee to most supporters to host these symposia. At the 2026 Congress those fees total £28,000.

However, it is the policy of the Society that any symposia fees raised through external supporters are not used to directly subsidise the registration fees paid by delegates or speakers attending the Congress. To ensure this policy is complied with, below is the current planned allocation of the supporter fees paid thus far, which confirms there has been no direct subsidy to any delegate attending the Congress:

Item	Cost
Congress Branding (signage, displays, banners)	£2,000
Abstract Management system	£10,735
Registration fees deducted for supporter symposium speakers	£4,900
Exhibition space and furniture rental costs	£2,800
Administrative support	£1,250
Poster display screens and technical support	£2,040
Congress photography	£3,550
Total	£27,275